

PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Examiner: G. Evans Tomoharu HASE, et al. Group Art Unit: 1725 (Continuation of Copending Appln. No. 09/240,839, filed February 1, 1999) Concurrently herewith Filed: June 8, 2001 EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND For: METHOD OF CLEANING OPTICAL ELEMENT OF THE

The Commissioner for Patents **BOX PATENT APPLICATION** Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the present Abstract of the Disclosure with the following:

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